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CANBERRA FOR DAVID ATKINSON

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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: POST-SHIPMENT END-USE CHECK
ON LICENSE 050121726

REF: 2006 BLUE LANTERN GUIDEBOOK

¶1. This is an Action Request. See paragraphs 2 - 4.

¶2. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a post-shipment check on license 050121726 for the export of firearms to Australia. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 45 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

¶3. Reason for Request: The rifles listed below are sufficiently powerful to be used as sniper rifles. This check is to verify that the end-user received the rifles and that they are only being sold to hunters and collectors in Australia.

¶4. Action Request: Post is requested to establish the bona fides of end-user Robert Antoun as a legitimate recipient of the United States Munitions List (USML) items listed below. Post should also question end-user on their familiarity with the International Traffic in Arms Regulation (ITAR), particularly regarding re-export or re-transfer. In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities and concerns about the entities involved.

¶5. Details of license application:

DTC Case: 050121726

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

10 Mosin Nagant Model 1891 Bolt-Action Rifles, Izhevsk
Manufacture, 7.62x54R Caliber

10 Mosin Nagant Model 1891 Bolt-Action Rifles, Tula
Manufacture, 7.62x54R Caliber

License Value: USD \$16,700

SELLER:

ETSS LLC
110 South 7th Street Unit D
Hotchkiss, CO 81419

FOREIGN END-USER:

Robert Antoun
49 Halcrows Road
Glenorie, New South Wales, 2157

Australia
Tel: 61 2 9681 5383

PURPOSE:

For resale to hunters and collectors in Australia

¶6. Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

Import Authorization No N081290 dated 07/09/2008 signed by Christie Palmer

Purchase Order from Antoun to ETSS signed by Robert Antoun

¶7. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file in the Bunche Library's E-Book Collection on the DOS Intranet:
[http://virtuallibrary.state.gov/BlueLanternGuidebook2006%2520 final .pdf](http://virtuallibrary.state.gov/BlueLanternGuidebook2006%2520%20final.pdf)

¶8. Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter.
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